

### REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are allowed. By this Amendment, claims 2-4 are amended. The amendment to claims 2-4 are needed to correct typographical errors without changing the scope of the claims thereof, and is administrative in nature requiring no additional search or examination.

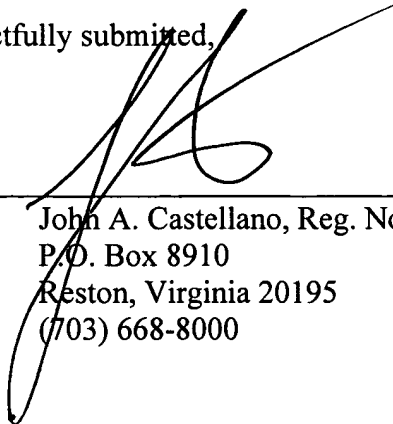
Furthermore, the Amendment was indicated as acceptable during a telephonic interview with Examiner Kiknadze on March 28, 2005, when Applicant's representative was told by the Examiner that it was too late to do an Examiner's Amendment as the file was not available to the Examiner.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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